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Cook's Harbon, Nunsu, August, 1867. How bright, fresh and fairy-like the green Island of Kanai must have appeared to the wavetossed mariners of the adventurous expedition! Grand in its verdant mountains, brilliant in its tropic vegetation and rich in productions, the discovery of the Island must have been doubly there. He ran within two leagues of it, but the py. This with another small one, were the only unwelcome to all.

As the strange, wild, but gentle natives crowded around the makes, or floating islands, as they believed Captain Cook's ships to be, in wondering astonishment, they excited equal wonder and euriosity in the discoverers. Their primitive and the Southeast till daybreak of the 25th, and Cook, is indubitable. child-like simplicity, manifested in various ways, tacked and stood in for Waimer Road, which bore But we have already reached the limit of our was sufficient evidence that they never had come North. Soon after they were joined by the Disin contact with a higher or more civilized race. covery. They fetched land two leagues to the and we must beg the reader's pardon, if we in-How different their greeting of Captain Cook's | leeward of the Road, which, though so near, they | flict more of the extraordinary truthful and faithvessels from the reception that other explorers never could recover; so that, by the morning of ful journal of Captain Cook, in future. have met with, in other lands and islands and the 20th, the current had carried them westward among barbarous people! From the time that to within two leagues of Niihau. They now Columbus landed on San Salvador, till the last gave up all thoughts of returning to Kauni, and discovery in the Pacific, there never was a race | bore for Niihau. of people encountered, which exhibited a more The extraordinary fidelity with which Captain pacific, kind and hospitable disposition, and which Cook describes everything in the Journal of his manifested traits of character that promised a voyage of discovery, makes it doubly valuable. Office and Residence, Aldrich House, Fort street. higher development. They preferred the useful The whole of Chapter XI is devoted to a descripto the ornamental. They were eager to trade tion of the islands discovered on his first visit, their products, indeed anything they possessed, their productions and the manners and customs Fort St, opposite C. E. Williams' Furniture Warerooms. 538 19 for pieces of iron hoops, or iron of any kind and of the inhabitants. It is a general summary of

This very trait in the Hawniian character of ing in order to make a comparison with the desiring to possess the most useful of metals, instead of the tinsel, bambles and gewgaws, which attract most barbarous people, shows that they voluminous quotations, where we do not condense, were of a higher order than other savage nations; for the book is exceedingly rare; -we know of they were made of sterner stuff, and only await- but one copy on the Islands. ed an opportunity to develop higher powers. There are few other instances on record of the own orthography, "Woahu (Oahu); "Atooi" inhabitants of a barbarous nation, preferring (Kauai); "Onecheow" (Niihau); "Orechoua" the simple utilitarian iron to gaudy calicoes, (Lehua), and "Tahoora" (Kaula.) "The last heads and tinsel ornaments-in truth, we recol- is a small, elevated island," says the Captain, lect of none. It exhibited an energy of charac- " lying four or five leagues from the southeast ter in a people capable of higher and better point of Onceheow, in the direction of South 69 2 thangs than living in a night of barbarian dark. West. We are told that it abounds with birds, ness. In them was the germ of civilization, to which are its only inhabitants. We also got inbud, unfold and bloom with a rapidity unparallel- formation of a low, uninhabited island, in the ed in the history of mankind. When these neighborhood, whose name is "Tammata Parqua." Islands were discovered, the Hawaiian mind was Query-Was this the French Frigate Shoals, or like genius slambering in the mid ocean, to be has it become entirely submerged, as many other aroused by the Promethean spark! The Ameri- islands in the great Pacific, since the early voycan Missionaries applied it, heaven-drawn, and ages of discovery? Besides these named, the inforty years have accomplished more than forty habitants were acquainted with other islands, centuries among less favored races. The natives both to the Eastward and Westward. The Capof interior Africa basked and slept under the tain, grateful to his patron, the Earl of Sandwich, slindows of the great pyramids, Memmon and First Lord of the Admiralty, named the whole the Sphynx: they gazed upon the colossal pillars group the Sandwich Islands. Of Lehua he knew of Karnac, and upon hundred-gated Thebes; nothing, except that it was a small, elevated islthey had the Egyptian, the first and highest and lying close to the north side of Niihau. Of civilization of the ancient world, before them; the latter island we shall speak more particularly but yet, after more than four thousand years, in those numbers in which we shall review it. they have unde no advance in civilization, have The Captain and his assistants procured much formed no stable government, have made no code information on their short visit to Kauni. Alof laws, no church, no religion. But this want though the Roadstead of Waimea is somewhat of capacity for development is not confined to exposed to the current of the trade wind, brollen one race alone-it extends to various peoples and changed in direction by the mountains, yet over Asia and Europe. The Hawaiians in their he arrives at the conclusion that it is safer than rapid advance in civilization, are not only the the harbors of Teneriffe, Madeira or the Azores. wonder of the Pacific Ocean, but of the world !

In our first number, we left Captain Cook at Waimen, but a kona evertook him; the rain poured down all night of the 21st of January, and all the morning of the 22d. The wind was from S. E. and South, which brought a short chopping sea. The situation of the Resolution was "none of the safest." The waves broke so high against the shore, that they could not land shelter from the scorehing sun and an enchanting in their boats, but the natives ventured in their ennoes to bring off hogs and roots, which they Atooi be destitute of these advantages, its possessi

Captain Cook, in this portion of his narrative, inclines to the belief that the natives devoured their enemies; but after a careful examination of the subject, we have arrived at a totally different conclusion. The Captain had no facts to warrant more than a mere suspicion; and it is universally denied by inhabitants, now living, who were boys at the time of his visit. It is also negatived by universal tradition. That they had the Aztee custom of human sacrifices, it is true; but they never were cannibals. And here let us remark, that the custom of human sacrifice has not been alone confined to America, or the Islands of the Pacific Ocean. The highest civilized nations of ancient times practiced the borrid rite. Not only the commercial Carthagenian, but the polished Greek were not unknown to it. The path to many religious mysteries was red with the blood of human sperifice, before the dawn of a purer, gentler and holier influence. And even in modern times, where, amid gorgeous and jeweled temples on the banks of the Indus

" Meloch, horrid king, beameared with blood,

held in thraldom millions of the slaves of the

The afternoon of the 22d of January was variable, with the wind veering from Northeast to South, and the rain returned and continued all well. night. At 7 o'clock the next morning (23d January) a breeze spring up from the N. E. and the the Captain found the Lupus Lydius, a species of Captain took up his anchors with the view of cream-colored whetstone, common writing and At his Old Stand, Fort street, on the Esplanade. moving his ship farther out.

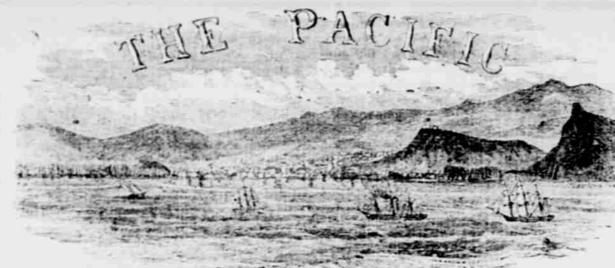
"The moment the last anchor was up, the wind veered to the East, which made it necessary to set all the sail we could, in order to clear the share, so that before we had tolerable sea room, we were driven some distance to the lesward." The Captain tried to regain the road at Waimes, but could not for the We will notice this subject further when we speak turrents. He sent three boats ashere for water und to trade for refreshments, also sent orders to Captain Clerke of the Discovery, to put to sex after him. He was in hopes of finding a better harbor at the west end of the island, but in this he was disappointed. The bold basaltic wall of Napali, offered neither ereck nor cove to shelter a vessel from the force of growing on Kauai, will go far toward clearing up the swell, which rolled in from the North, and broke any doubt that may exist on the subject. He upon the shore with a prodigious surf; so that all hopes of finding a harbor here vanished."

everal cances came off in the morning and fol. ducts and plants encountered by him. loved us as we stood out to sea, bartering their roots ... Besides the vegetable articles, bought by us as and other articles." * * * At 7 o'clock in the refreshments, amongst which were, at least, five or evening the heats returned with two tons of water, a six varieties of plan sine, the island produces breadquantity of plantains and some roots. Mr. King fruit, though it seems to be scarce, as we saw only informed me that a great number of the inhabitants one tree, which was large, and had some fruit upon were at the watering or landing place. He supposed it. There are also a few cocca-palms; yams, as we they had come from all parts of the Island. They are told, for we saw none; the tappe of the Friendly had come with a great many fine hogs to barter, but Islands, or Virginian arum; the close (kon) tree. my people had not commodities with them equal to and sweet-smelling gardenia, or Cape Jessamine. the purchase." They, however, had enough for We saw screral trees of the door door (kukui) so usesediate use. Much rain had fallen on the shore, ful at Otahoite, as bearing the sily nuts, which are stuck upon a kind of skewer and burnt as candles.

"We had light airs and calms by turns, with Our people saw them used in the same manner at showers of rain all night; and on day break of the Onechesw (Nihau) afterward. We were not on merning of the 24th, we found that the current had shore at Atosi but in the day time, and then we saw earried the ship to the Northwest and North, so the natives wearing these nuts, bung on strings round 543

(Lehua) West by South; and the high land of a third | which is called none; a species of convolvulus; the

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righ, but slope gently to the sea, or lower lands,

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prospect to the eye, and food or the natives, which

a greater quantity of gently rising land, renders it

in some measure superior to the above mentioned favorite islands, as being more capable of improve-

the central mountains, he had no doubt but there

was an abundant supply of water and running

streams which he did not see. The accuracy of

the navigator's judgment has been fully verified.

lent sort of grass-the pili-about two feet high,

that seemed capable of being converted into plen-

He found the soil in the valleys of a brownish

black color, but on the high lands of a reddish

brown-the red ferruginous soil so characteristic

of Kauai. He concluded that it was very pro-

ductive-" For the vale of moist ground furnishes

twelve or fourteen pounds, very few being under

two or three." The productiveness of the soil

since that very recent period, sleep beneath it.

moderate and pleasant, with very few of those in-

conveniences to which many tropical countries are

subject, either through heat or moisture. The

natives salted both fish and pork, which kept

Besides the basalt common to the whole island,

coarse slate, and some pieces of a coarse, white

pumice-stone; he also procured a brown hama-

tite, strongly magnetic. He saw none of those in

position except the basalt; the other specimens

were all cut artificially and used by the natives.

As much diversity of opinion exists about the

recent introduction of certain plants and vegeta-

of the minerals of the island.

At the time of his visit, from the wooded part.

From the heavy drapery of clouds that robed

wered with trees, which at once afford a friendly

ouths, without the labor of rearing; though, I say,

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The Captain expected that the Discovery would of a vast variety of shapes, which probably is effected by art. Upon the dry land about the village grew a overtake him, as a fresh breeze had sprung up plant that we had never seen in these seas, of the E. P. ADAMS. from the North, and he steered for Niihau, in size of a common thistle, and prickly, like that; but FIRE PROOF STORE, order to have a nearer view of it, and to anchor bearing a fine flower, almost resembling a white popcommon plants, which our short excursion gave us Discovery failing to come, he gave up the an opportunity of observing.

design of going to Niihau for the present, and We have heard it contended that the Cape again steered for Kanai, in order to anchor Jessamine and the white thistle-the cardo santo, again in the roads and complete his watering, of the arid plains of Mexico-were not indige-With light airs and calms they stretched to nous to these Islands. The testimony of Captain

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